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TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS, ITEM 63

1. DRAFT RES A/C.3/L.2050 ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWS BELOW. DEPT COMMENTS
REQUESTED.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, IRAN, POLAND, TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3026 A(XXVII),

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF UNESCO ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PRESERVATION AND
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL VALUES,

CONSIDERING THAT THE VALUE AND DIGNITY OF EACH CULTURE AS
WELL AS THE ABILITY TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP ITS DISTINCTIVE
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CHARACTER IS THE BASIC RIGHT OF ALL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF MASS MEDIA
AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEANS OF PROMOTION OF THE
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS AND THE INCREASING
ROLE OF MASS MEDIA IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE SOCIETY,

CONVINCED THAT, ON THE ONE HAND, EFFORTS MUST BE INTENSIFIED
TO ABATE THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT ON SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS UPON THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER
OF ALL CULTURES AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, ALL NECESSARY
STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN TOWARDS THE PERSERVATION AND ENRICHMENT
OF NATIONAL CULTURES AND WAYS OF LIFE,

CONVINCED FURTHER THAT THE PERSERVATION, RENEWAL AND
CONTINUOUS CREATION OF CULTURAL VALUES IS NOT A STATIC BUT
A DYNAMIC CONCEPT, LINKING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF NATIONS
WITH THE PRESENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT,

1. URGES GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE CULTURAL VALUES, BOTH MATERIAL
AND SPIRITUAL, AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS
BY GIVING ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING FIELDS IN PARTICULAR:

(A) THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCESS OF ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY
TO PLACES, BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH
SERVE AS MEDIA OF CULTURAL TRANSMISSION AND FORM A SYSTEM
OF IDEAS PROMOTING NATIONAL INTEGRATION;

(B) THE PERSERVATION AND/OR RESTORATION OF SITES OF
SPECIAL HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE;

(C) PARTICUPATION OF THE PUBLIC, ON VOLUNTARY BASIS, IN
PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH UNDERTAKINGS;

(D) WIDE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION ACTIVITY WITH A VIEW
TO (I) INCREASING THE PEOPLE'S GENERAL SENSITIVITY TO
THE CULTURAL HERITAGE; (II) MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE
OF THE SOCIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL VALUES OF THE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT;
(III) DEVELOPING AMONG PEOPLE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ABSORB
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AND USE CULTURAL VALUES AS A MEANS OF THEIR GENERAL
ADVANCEMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT OF EACH
PERSONALITY; (IV) AROUSING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
CULTURAL HERITAGE; (V) ENHANCING
AND DEVELOPING LIVING VALUES THROUGH CREATIVE ACTIVITY;

(E) THE IDENTIFICATION, PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF REGIONAL CULTURAL VALUES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE DIVERSITY

OF WAYS OF LIFE AND MAKE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE USE OF LOCAL ASPIRATIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS AIMED AT THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS AND OF THE GENERAL QUALITY OF LIFE;

2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO, TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF THE WORK ALREADY DONE, INITIATE, WITHIN THE EXISTING FACILITIES AT HIS DISPOSAL, THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH IN EDUCATION, MASS COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, DESIGNED TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL VALUES IN THE ERA OF ACCELERATED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR:

(A) ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROBLEMS IN VARIOUS SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS;

(B) PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF METHODS NOW EMPLOYED BY STATES FOR THE PRESERVATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL VALUES;

(C) ANALYSE THE ROLE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN THE PRESERVATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL VALUES, IN PARTICULAR WITH RESPECT TO INTEGRATION OF THE MASS MEDIA INTO NATIONAL CULTURAL POLICIES;

3. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION ON THE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION.
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